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TAGS: OCAM, XA, PFOR
SUBJECT: EIGHT OCAM SUMMIT CONFERENCE: FINAL SESSION COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING

REF BANGUI 0902

1. OCAM MINISTERIAL COUNCIL CONCLUDED ITS MEETINGS IN CLOSED SESSION AGUSUT 9. DELEGATES HEARD CLOSING ADDRESS BY MINISTERIAL
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT POTOLOT, CAR FONMIN, AND ACCEPTED FINAL REPORTS

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AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY FOUR WORKING GROUPS IN POLITICAL;
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY; CULTURAL; AND ECONOMIC AREAS.

2. COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS NOT YET PUBLICLY AVAILABLE,
BUT UNDERSTAND CONTROVERSY WAS AVOIDED. ON POTENTIALLY
DIVISIVE HEADQUARTERS ISSUE, FOR EXAMPLE, COUNCIL REPORTEDLY
RECOMMENDED IT BE LOCATED AT BANGUI. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE
UNDERSTAND THAT DURING MINISTERIAL MEETING, NO OTHER DELEGATION
REQUESTED HEADQUARTERS, INCLUDING DAHOMEY.

3. SOME OF OTHER MORE INTERESTING PROPOSALS HIGHLIGHTED IN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. POTOLOT SAID THAT OCAM DELEGATES
UNANIMOUSLY AGREED ON:

A. SURVIVAL OF OCAM AND NEED CONTINUE WORK FOR AFRICAN UNITY
AND COOPERATION IN SPIRIT OF OAU;

B. MODIFICATION OF OCAM CHARTER TO ADAPT TO PRESENT REALIITIES;

C. REAFFIRMATION OF DESIRE OPEN OCAM MEMBERSHIP TO ALL
AFRICAN STATES WILLING ACCEPT CHARTER;

D. CHANGING OCAM SUMMIT MEETINGS FROM ANNUAL TO EVERY
TWO YEARS;

E. REAFFIRMATION OF OCAM'S RIGHT TO OVERSEE (DROIT DE REGARD)
ITS TEN ANCILLARY INSTITUTIONS;

F. DESIGNATION OF GOODWILLMISSION TO STATES WHICH HAVE LEFT
OCAM SINCE ITS FOUNDING, AND TO OTHER AFRICAN STATES TO
EXPLAIN OCAM'S OBJECTIVES.

3. MEANWHILE, GOOD TURN-OUT OF OCAM CHIEFS OF STATE EXPECTED
FOR SUMMIT OPENING AUGUST 10 WITH ARRIVALS ALREADY OF CHIEFS
OF STATE FROM IVORY COAST, SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA, MAURITIUS
AND RWANDA WITH BONGO OF GABON EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THIS NOON.

4. OVERALL ATMOSPHERE OF PROCEEDINGS AND TENOR OF PUBLIC
STATEMENTS GIVE GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT MINISTERS CONSIDER
THAT SUFFICIENT UNITY OF PURPOSE STILL EXISTS TO CONTINUE
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ORGANIZATION ALONG ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LINES.
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